GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:212
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2016
Breach in Cyber Security
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the cyber security of the websites of Indian Embassies and High Commissions in various countries have been breached in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the nature and extent of the breach;

(c) whether any sensitive data has been compromised with and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures being taken to safeguard the sensitive data of Embassies and High Commissions; and

(e) the steps taken to sensitise the staff and officials of Embassies and High Commissions in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 REGARDING "BREACH IN CYBER SECURITY" FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2016

(a) to (c) A few Indian Missions and Posts abroad have faced unauthorized intrusion of their respective websites. No sensitive data belonging to the Government of India was compromised.

(d) & (e) Cyber-security measures are being strengthened to safeguard the data contained in the websites. Instructions/guidelines have been reiterated to all Missions and Posts abroad.